

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 14-4

Introduced by Councilmember McMahan

Legislative Day No. 14-5 Date February 18, 2014

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments, Subsection A,B and C , of Section 260-3 Stun Guns, of Chapter 260, Weapons, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to permit the possession of electronic control devices; to provide penalties for violations; and generally relating to Weapons in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, February 18, 2014

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 18, 2014

at: 7 PM

By Order: *Ronda Meador*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2014, and concluded on March 18, 2014.

*Ronda Meador*, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Subsection A, B and C, of Section 260-3, Stun Guns, of Chapter 260, Weapons, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be and is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 260. WEAPONS**

**§ 235-3. [Stun guns.]ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES.**

A. [It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give away, lend, rent or in any manner transfer a stun gun to any person.] DEFINITION. IN THIS SECTION “ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE” HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4-109(A) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

B. [It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, fire or discharge a stun gun.]APPLICABILITY. A PERSON WHO MEETS THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSESSION OF AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 4-109(B) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED, MAY POSSESS AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE.

C. [Nothing in this section shall be held to apply to any law enforcement officer while in performance of official duty.]VIOLATION AND PENALTIES. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS OF §1-23 OF THIS CODE.

- 1 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date  
2 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.*

  
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Council Administrator